

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the applicant's communication filed on 9/16/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 38-100.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 28 December 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

Cheryl Lewis
Patent Examiner

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 38-100 are allowed.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record fails to teach the following limitation: 'establishing a list database on a server computer system, said list database including a plurality of lists, each associated with a corresponding list identifier, said plurality of lists including a first list associated with a first list identifier; establishing a management tool on a client computer system, remote from said server computer system, said management tool including said identifier; retrieving said first list from said list database to said management tool responsive to said first list identifier; revising said retrieved first list on said client computer system using said management tool' as recited in independent claim 38.

As per claim 80, the prior art of record fails to teach 'responsive to a command issued to said management tool, adding a pointer referencing said item to a list associated with said list identifier in said list database on said server computer system' and similarly recited in independent claim 81.

As per claim 82, the prior art of record fails to teach 'establishing on a server computer system in communication with the Internet, a shopping list database, said shopping list database including a first shopping list having a shopping list identifier; providing said shopping list identifier to said shopping list management

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toolbar; communicating said shopping list identifier to said shopping list database; retrieving a copy of said first shopping list from said shopping list database to said shopping list management toolbar responsive to said shopping list identifier'.

As per claim 83, the prior art of record fails to teach 'generating within each said data object at least one field and associating one of said field identifiers with each said field, wherein one or more of said data objects include certain field identifiers that are not included in other data objects in said database; and storing within each said field data comprising a portion of said information corresponding to the data object in which said field was generated and of the type defined by said field.'

As per claim 95, the prior art of record fails to teach '...an array of rows and columns for storing information recording said item, each row of said array including a field identifier and a field, said field identifier defining the type of information to be stored in said field...'

As per claim 98, the prior art of record fails to teach 'configuring a database object corresponding to each of said items, each said database object including an array of rows and columns, said array including a field identifier column and a field column different from said field identifier column; for each said database object, entering one of said field identifiers in each row in said field identifier column and entering, in the corresponding field column in the same row, information about said corresponding item of the type determined by said field identifier in the row.'

The remaining claims 39-79, 84-94, 96, 97, 99, and 100 comprise dependent claims, thus these claims are patently distinct over the art of record for at least the above reasons.

The examiner agrees with the applicants' remarks, filed on September 16, 2004, page 21 lines 25-30; page 22 lines 1-32; page 23 lines 1-32; and page 24 lines 1-19.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

NAME OF CONTACT

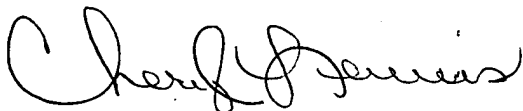
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cheryl Lewis whose telephone number is (571) 272-4113. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30-3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Breene can be reached on (571) 272-4107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306 or (703) 305-9731.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist/ Technology Center's new number will be (571) 272-2100.



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